STATE OF CONNECTICUT

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 283

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LCO No. **1683**

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF HOSPICE SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1   Section 1. Section 17b-28e of the 2008 supplement to the general
2   statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3   (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

4   **[**(a) Not later than September 30, 2002, the Commissioner of Social
5   Services shall submit an amendment to the Medicaid state plan to
6   implement the provisions of public act 02-1 of the May 9 special
7   session* concerning optional services under the Medicaid program.
8   Said state plan amendment shall supersede any regulations of
9   Connecticut state agencies concerning such optional services.**]**

10   **[**(b)**]** The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid
11   state plan to include: **[**foreign**]** (1) Foreign language interpreter services
12   provided to any beneficiary with limited English proficiency; and (2)
13   hospice services (A) provided in all settings, including, but not limited
14   to, a private home, nursing home, residential care home or specialized
15   residence that provides supportive services, and (B) including the

16 provision of bereavement services as [a] covered [service] services
17 under the Medicaid program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*July 1, 2008*	17b-28e

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Social Services to amend the Medicaid state plans to include hospice services, that include the provision of bereavement services, as a covered service under the state's Medicaid program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]